(d) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against him in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It was reported in the news-item in question that "The National Federation of Indian Women" and the lawyers under the banner "social jurist" criticized and condemned the remarks alleged to have been made by the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid, Delhi.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police have referred the matter to the Prosecution Branch of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi for its legal opinion as to whether the remarks alleged to have been made by the Shahi Imam constituted a cognizable offence.

**Legislation to Pay Compensation to Victims of Terrorism**

†2483. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the present cirumstances Central Government propose to frame a legislation to pay compensation to victims affected by the terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no amount is payable by the insurance companies to the claimant in case of death due to war, riots, murder or terrorist attack; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government with regard to framing of this legislation and by when said legislation is likely to be implemented?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Central and State Governments are providing relief to survivors and victims of terrorism in the form of *ex-gratia.* Government of Jammu and Kashmir is providing *ex-gratia* to the victims of militancy for death, injury, etc. as per existing rules. The expenditure incurred by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir on this account is reimbursed to the State Government under the Scheme for reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure. The militancy affected North Eastern States are also providing *ex-gratia* grant and gratuitous relief to the victims of extremist violence. This may also include special relief provided to civilians who are affected by large scale misery resulting out of militant activities. The reimbursement is subject to the rules provided in the SRE Scheme.

Moreover, the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, an autonomous body registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 is providing assistance for physical and psychological rehabilitation of the children of victims of communal, caste and ethnic violence. The Central Government has provided the initial Corpus Fund.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) In view of (a) and (b) above, there is no proposal to frame any legislation for the purpose.

**Indians in Foreign Jails**

2484. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state?

(a) the number of Indians imprisoned in foreign jails as on 1.12.2001;

(b) the number of prisoners in jails for more than five years; and

(c) the steps taken by Ministry with the help of External Affairs Ministry and other agencies to get them released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a)